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INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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SUBJECT: PRC AIRLINE TO BEGIN SERVICE TO ROMANIA

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1. ROMANIAN COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR LEONIN VASILESCU TOLD USLO OFFICERS MARCH 27 THAT CAAC WILL BEGIN ITS SERVICE TO BUCHAREST VIA TEHRAN AND KARACHI NO LATER THAN JULY OF THIS YEAR. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT THE FLIGHT EARLIER IN MARCH (REF B) BY A CAAC BOEING TO BUCHAREST VIA TEHRAN AND KARACHI HAD TAKEN PLACE, AND SAID IT WAS A TRIAL RUN.

2. CAAC WILL DEFINITELY USE BOEING 707'S ON THE ROUTE, VASILESCU SAID, AND NOT REPEAT NOT RUSSIAN-MADE IL-62'S.

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ULTIMATELY, HE IMPLIED, THE FLIGHT WILL GO TO TIRANA,

BUT FOR THE MOMENT THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE
TIRANA AIRPORT IS NOT SUITABLY PREPARED FOR THE BOEINGS.
AS A POSSIBLE TEMPORARY MEASURE, VASILESCU SAID, ARRANGEMENTS
MAY BE MADE FOR A FLIGHT BETWEEN BUCHAREST AND
TIRANA WHICH WOULD CONNECT WITH THE CAAC FLIGHT
(PRESUMABLY, THE CONNECTION WOULD BE ON THE ALBANIAN
AIRLINE). ASKED IF THE CAAC SERVICE WOULD ALSO INCLUDE
BELGRADE, VASILESCU REPLIED THAT IT WOULD NOT.
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